Art & Cultures
Pre-Christian Ireland - Guided Notes

Name Date

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1. Fill in the following timeline:
    a. No traces in Old Stone Age
    b. 8,000 BC -
    c. 4,000 BC -
    d. 2,500 BC -
    e. 500 BC -
2. Briefly discuss the Mesolithic Era:
3. Define: Mesolithic
4. Define: microliths
5. Define: Neolith
6. Define: Megalith
7. Name 4 reasons that they may have built megalithic tombs:
    a.
    b.
    c.
    d.

8. Name four types of Megalithic tombs:

    a.

    b.

    c.

    d.

9. Define: Cairn

10. Define: Passage tombs

11. Define: Court tombs (Court Cairns)

12. Define: Wedge tombs

13. Define: Portal tombs

14. Define: Dolmen

15. Define: Bru na Boinne

16. Briefly discuss Bru na Boinne

17. What 3 sites are part of Bru na Boinne:

    a.

    b.

    c.

18. Briefly discuss Newgrange:

19. Interesting facts from the video clip (slide 9):

20. Briefly discuss Knowth:

21. Define: kerbstone

22. Briefly discuss Dowth:

23. Define: henge

24. Interesting facts from the video clip (slide 13)

25. Discuss the major shift in 2,500 BC:

26. Define: cist

27. What began because of this shift (#25)

28. Briefly discuss the Bronze Age:

29. Briefly discuss the ‘artsy side’ of the Bronze Age:

30. Define: sun discs

31. Define: repousse

32. Define: lunula

33. Define: incision

34. Define: chevron

35. Define: lozenges

36. Briefly discuss bog hoards and offerings:

37. Why did bog hoards and offerings exist?

38. Briefly discuss stone circles:

39. Who ‘invaded’ circa 500 BC?

40. What material began to replace Bronze during this time?

41. Who were the Celts?

42. Briefly discuss the Celtic Art that occurred during the Iron Age:

43. Define: gilding

44. Define: hammering

45. Define: La Tene

46. Define: triskele

47. Define: curvilinear

48. Define: ogham

49. What was the main purpose of Ogham?

50. Write your name in Ogham:

51. What were the significance bogs during the Iron Age?

52. What are the 4 cycles of Celtic Mythology:

    a.

    b.

    c.

    d.

53. Briefly discuss the Mythological Cycle:

54. Define: Paganism

55. Define: Polytheistic

56. Name a famous story from the Mythological Cycle:

57. Briefly discuss the Ulster Cycle:

58. Who was a famous character during the Ulster Cycle?

59. Briefly discuss the Fenian Cycle:

60. Who was a famous character during the Fenian Cycle?

61. Briefly discuss the Historical Cycle:

62. What famous king is popular during this cycle?